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OF
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OF
ANCIENT YORK MASONS
OF
NORTH CAROLINA.

A. L. 5830.



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PROCEEDINGS.

GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Saturday evening, December 4th, A. L. 5830.

At an Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, begun and held at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Raleigh, this evening:

PRESENT,

M. W. LOUIS D. WILSON, G. M.
R. W. JAMES GRANT, G. S. W.
R. W. SAM'L F. PATTERSON, G. J. W.
RUFUS HAYWOOD, G. Treas. P. T.
JOHN C. STEDMAN, G. Secretary.
JOHN J. CHRISTOPHER, D. G. S.
GRAY LITTLE, G. S. D. P. T.
JOHN G. MARSHALL, G. J. D.
JAS. J. PHILLIPS, G. S. B. P. T.
JOHN H. WHEELER, G. M. P. T.
W. D. BARNARD, G. P.
JOHN T. C. WIATT, } G. Stewards.
D. LINDEMAN, }
RICH'D W. ASHTON, G. Tyler.
ALEX. J. LAWRENCE, Past G. Secretary.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FOLLOWING LODGES:

St. John's, No. 1.

American George, No. 17, Brothers Jacob Hare and John H. Wheeler.

Phalanx, No. 31, Bro. Pinkney Caldwell.

Stokes, No. 32, Bro. Daniel Coleman, (no returns.)

Hiram, No. 40, Bros. J. G. Marshall, C. D. Lehman and R. Haywood.

Hall, No. 53, Bros. W. D. Barnard and Thos. Dozier, (no returns.)

Unanimity, No. 54, Bros. Samuel T. Sawyer and Geo. Blair.

Concord, No. 58, Bro. Gray Little.

Golden Fleece, No. 74, Bro. Stephen Dodson.

Mount Moriah, No. 82, Bro. J. M. Bogle.

Fellowship, No. 84, Bro. David Thomson.

Morning Star, No. 85, Bro. Joseph Arrington.

Skewarkee, No. 90, Bros. Wm. Sutton and Gray Little.

Western Star, No. 91, Bro. John M'Intyre.

Mount Moriah, No. 93, Bro. Jas. J. Phillips.

Wake Forest, No. 97, Bros. Wm. A. Harrison and T. J. Lemay.

Rising Sun, No. 100, David Newland.

VISITORS.

Brothers John B. Jasper, William Selby, A. Monk, Wm. B. Dunn, Peter Le Messurier, C. W. D. Hutchins, Walter J. Ramsay, E. Harrison, Giles Johnson, Wm. K. Frederick, Wm. Wright, &c. &c.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

On motion, the following committees were appointed:

On Returns from Subordinate Lodges.—Bros. Thomson, Little, Coleman, Arrington and Lemay.

On Charters.—Bros. Grant, Blair, Newland and Wright.

On Communications from Grand Lodges.—Bros. Sawyer, Patterson, Lawrence, M'Intyre and Lehman.

On Miscellaneous Communications.—Bros. Dickinson, Caldwell, Hare, Sutton and Dozier.

On G. Treasurer's Accounts.—Bros. Haywood, Marshall, Wheeler, Phillips and Dodson.

Bro. Sutton presented a copy of the proceedings of Skewarkee Lodge, concerning the suspension of John A. Smithwick and John P. Smithwick; from which they appeal to the Grand Lodge, and, on his motion, the same is referred to a select committee, consisting of Bros. Dickinson, Sawyer, Wheeler, Little and Wright.

On motion, it is ordered that the election of Grand officers take place on the evening of the next meeting.

On motion, the Grand Lodge was adjourned until Tuesday evening next.

Tuesday evening, December 7th, A. L. 5830.

The Grand Lodge met this evening.

PRESENT,

M. W. LOUIS D. WILSON, Grand Master.

ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES.

Perseverance Lodge, No. 59, Bro. Daniel N. Bateman.

Enfield, No. 88, Bro. Thos. Nicholson.

Fulton, No. 99, Bro. Benj. Austin.

Bro. Austin was substituted in the place of Brother Thomson on the committee on Returns of Subordinate Lodges; and Bro. Bateman in the place of Bro. Sutton on the committee on Miscellaneous Communications.

Bro. Dickinson, from the select committee to whom was referred the case of John A. Smithwick and John P. Smithwick, being an appeal from a decision made against them by Skewarkee Lodge, made a report, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the case of Bros. John A. Smithwick and John P. Smithwick, from Skewarkee Lodge, there does not appear to be any thing requiring masonic censure; that the decision of the said Lodge against them be reversed, and the said Brethren restored to all the rights and privileges of masonry.

On motion, the foregoing resolution was adopted.

The committee on Communications from Grand Lodges made the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the several communications from other Grand Lodges, respectfully report, that they have examined the same, and find that they consist entirely of proceedings at their Annual Communications; among which they find nothing that requires the particular attention of this Grand Lodge.

(Signed.)

S. T. SAWYER, Chairman.

On motion, the foregoing report was concurred in.

On motion, the election of officers is postponed until Tuesday next.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned until Tuesday evening next.

Tuesday evening, December 14, A. L. 5830.

The Grand Lodge met this evening.

PRESENT,

M. W. LOUIS D. WILSON, Grand Master.

ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES.

Washington Lodge, No. 15, Bro. Wilson B. Hodges.

Davie, No. 39, (returns.)

Line, No. 87, Bro. Wm. Wright.

Joseph Warren, No. 92, Bro. Gray Little.

Brother Hodges introduced the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas it appears to this Grand Lodge, that, in the month of June last, the Hall of Washington Lodge, No. 15, was broken into and the Charter thereof feloniously taken away, and the same has not been recovered; and it appearing that said Charter was granted in 1803: therefore,

Resolved, That another Charter be issued in due form, to bear test from the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in 1803, and that this order be endorsed thereon.

On motion, the said resolution was adopted.

It is further ordered that the said Charter be issued free of charge, except the Grand Secretary's fees.

On motion of Bro. Newland, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, when the following brethren were declared duly elected, viz.

Bro. RICHARD DOBBS SPAIGHT, of Newbern, G. Master.

" GEORGE BLAIR, of Edenton, S. G. W.

" JOHN H. WHEELER, of Murfreesboro', J. G. W.

" BENJAMIN A. BARHAM, of Raleigh, Grand Treasurer.

" JOHN C. STEDMAN, of Raleigh, G. Secretary.

Bro. Wheeler introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That all monies arising from the annual dues from subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge, or from payments for charters or other revenues to the Grand Lodge, shall be first paid over into the hands of the Grand Secretary, and by him recorded in a book kept for the purpose; and it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to pay over the said sums, thus received, to the Grand Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same.

On motion, said resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until Friday evening next.

Friday evening, December 17, A. L. 5830.

The Grand Lodge met this evening.

PRESENT,

M. W. LOUIS D. WILSON, G. Master.

JOHN A. CAMERON, Past G. Master.

ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES.

Union, No. 62, Bro. John Sasser.

Kilwinning, No. 64, Bro. Thos. D. Parke.

Williams, No. 66, Bro. W. D. Barnard.

Taylor, No. 69, Bro. D. W. Borden.

Bro. Frederick handed in the proceedings of Warren Lodge, held by dispensation at Kenansville, and prayed that a charter be granted to said Lodge; which, on his motion, was referred to the committee on Charters.

Bro. Coleman introduced resolutions on the subject of dividing the State into districts, and appointing Grand Lecturers, &c. which was, on motion, referred to a select committee, consisting of Bros. Coleman, Blair and Wheeler.

On motion, Bros. Haywood and Frederick were appointed to wait on

Bro. Cameron, Past Grand Master, and request his attendance on Sunday evening next, for the purpose of installing into office the Grand officers elect.

On motion, Bro. Louis D. Wilson, Past G. Master, is authorised to receive in charge the property, jewels, &c. formerly belonging to Johnson Caswell Lodge, Warrenton, and dispose of the same for the benefit of the Grand Lodge.

On motion, a committee, consisting of Bros. Blair, Haywood, Wright, Spaight and Stedman, were appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the approaching anniversary of St. John.

Adjourned until Sunday evening next, at 3 o'clock.

Sunday evening, December 19, A. L. 5830.

The Grand Lodge met this evening.

PRESENT,

M. W. LOUIS D. WILSON, G. M.

M. W. JOHN A. CAMERON, Past G. M.

The following communication was received by the hands of Bro. Patterson:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

At a recent choice of Grand officers for the ensuing year, by the kindness of the members of the Grand Lodge I was elected Junior Grand Warden. On an examination into the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I perceive that no person who has not passed the Chair in some regular Lodge in this State, is eligible for the office in this Grand Lodge of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden or Junior Grand Warden. I have never been the Master of any regular Lodge, nor have I ever passed the Chair by taking the Master's degree in any Chapter. I, therefore, feel it my duty to resign into those hands, that conferred the high honor on me, the post of Junior Grand Warden, with an expression of my thanks for their kind partiality.

(Signed.)

JNO. H. WHEELER.

City of Raleigh, Dec. 19th, 1830.

The resignation of Bro. Wheeler of the office of Junior Grand Warden was accepted, and the Grand Lodge proceeded to fill the vacancy, when Bro. Rufus Haywood, of Raleigh, was duly elected.

R. W. Past G. Master Cameron then proceeded to the installation of the Grand officers, viz.

M. W. RICHARD DOBBS SPAIGHT, Grand Master.

R. W. GEORGE BLAIR, Sen. Grand Warden.

R. W. RUFUS HAYWOOD, Jun. Grand Warden.

BENJ. A. BARHAM, (by proxy,) Grand Treasurer.

JOHN C. STEDMAN, Grand Secretary.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master made the following appointments, viz.

SAMUEL F. PATTERSON, Dep. G. Master.

JOHN G. MARSHALL, S. G. Deacon.

C. D. LEHMAN, J. G. Deacon.

JOHN T. C. WIATT, } Grand Stewards.

D. LINDEMAN, }

RICH'D W. ASHTON, Grand Tyler.

And they were duly installed into their respective offices.

Adjourned until Tuesday evening next.

Tuesday evening, December 21, A. L. 5830.

The Grand Lodge met this evening.

PRESENT.

M. W. RICHARD DOBBS SPAIGHT, G. M.

R. W. GEORGE BLAIR, S. G. W.

R. W. RUFUS HAYWOOD, J. G. W.

JOHN C. STEDMAN, G. Secretary.

JOHN G. MARSHALL, S. G. D.

C. D. LEHMAN, J. G. D.

J. T. C. WIATT, G. S.

R. W. ASHTON, G. Tyler.

The committee on Miscellaneous Communications reported, that they contained nothing requiring the particular notice of the Grand Lodge.

Report. The committee on Charters, to whom was referred the application of Warren Lodge (acting by dispensation) for a charter, have examined the subject, and beg leave to recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed.)

GEORGE BLAIR, Chairman, P. T.

Report. The committee appointed to report upon the best mode of celebrating the approaching anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, recommend that a committee of two be appointed to wait on some one of the Grand Chaplains, and request him to deliver a masonic discourse on Sunday morning, the 26th instant; and that the Grand Lodge move in procession to such place of public worship as may be selected by said Chaplain. They further recommend that the use of the Hall be granted on Monday evening, the 27th instant, for a public masonic ball.

(Signed.)

GEORGE BLAIR, Chairman.

The foregoing report was concurred in, and Bros. Blair and Haywood appointed to wait on one of the Grand Chaplains.

The M. W. Grand Master made the following appointments:

Rev'd JOSEPH CALDWELL,

PATRICK W. DOWD,

THOS. P. HUNT,

JOHN ARMSTRONG,

JOSIAH HORN,

} Grand Chaplains.

The resolution submitted by Bro. Wheeler, at the meeting on the 14th instant, was called up, and, after some discussion, was postponed for consideration until the next meeting.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until Friday evening next.

Friday evening, December 24, A. L. 5830.

The Grand Lodge met this evening.

PRESENT,

M. W. RICHARD DOBBS SPAIGHT, G. Master.

ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES.

Hiram Lodge, No. 98, Bro. Archibald Monk.

The resolution submitted by Bro. Wheeler, which was postponed for consideration at the last meeting, was, on motion, indefinitely postponed.

On motion, ordered that the members of Union Lodge No. 62, held at Spring Bank, in Wayne county, be authorised to hold their meetings at Waynesborough; and that the Grand Secretary alter their charter accordingly.

The committee on Returns of Subordinate Lodges reported that they had examined the returns as far as received, and find them generally in accordance with the requisitions of the Grand Lodge.

The committee, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Bro. Coleman on the 17th instant, reported the same with an amendment; which was, on motion, indefinitely postponed.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until Sunday morning next.

Sunday morning, December 26, A. L. 5830.

The Grand Lodge met this morning agreeably to adjournment.

PRESENT,

M. W. RICHARD DOBBS SPAIGHT, G. M.
 R. W. SAMUEL F. PATTERSON, D. G. M.
 R. W. GEORGE BLAIR, S. G. W.
 R. W. RUFUS HAYWOOD, J. G. W.
 JOHN G. MARSHALL, S. G. D.
 WILLIAM LONG, J. G. D. pro tem.
 GRAY LITTLE, G. Treasurer pro tem.
 JOHN C. STEDMAN, G. Secretary.
 JOHN J. CHRISTOPHERS, D. G. Secretary.
 ALEX. J. LAWRENCE, G. M. pro tem.
 JOHN W. SASSER, G. S. B. pro tem.
 WM. WRIGHT, G. P.
 JOHN T. C. WIATT, G. Steward.
 RICHARD W. ASHTON, G. Tyler.

MEMBER.

Bro. Louis D. Wilson, Past G. Master.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Bros. Arrington, Dozier, Barnard, Dodson, Monk, Nicholson, Fredrick, Newland, M'Intyre, Bogle, Harrison, Coleman and Caldwell.

VISITORS.

Bros. Cobbs, Hutchins, Ramsay, Jasper, Burgin, Williams, Johnson, Brazier, &c. &c.

The Brethren moved in procession to the Presbyterian Church, where a masonic sermon was delivered by R. W. Thomas P. Hunt, G. Chaplain.

The fraternity then returned in like order to the Lodge room.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Bro. Hunt, for the able and appropriate address delivered by him this day to the fraternity.

Resolved further, That the Grand Treasurer present to Bro. Hunt twenty dollars, as a donation from the funds of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until Friday evening next.

Friday evening, December 31, A. L. 5830.

The Grand Lodge met this evening.

PRESENT,

M. W. RICHARD D. SPAIGHT, G. M.

ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES.

Eagle Lodge, No. 71, Bros. Wm. Montgomery and Wm. H. Phillips.

Widow's Son, No. 75, Bros. W. D. Barnard and A. J. Lawrence.

Greensborough, 76, (returns.)

The following appointments were made by the M. W. Grand Master.

John S. Hawks, of Newbern,

Marshall Dickinson, Pitt,

Gray Little, Edgecomb,

David C. Freeman, Beaufort,

Edmund B. Freeman, Halifax,

Jesse H. Drake, Nash,

Isaac N. Lamb, Pasquotank,

David W. Stone, Edenton,

Samuel T. Sawyer, do.

David Thomson, Johnston,

John W. Simmons, Halifax,

Esek Arnold, Fayetteville,

Alexander M'Rae, Wilmington,

Benjamin Austin, Salisbury,

T. F. Birchett, Rutherford,

Daniel Coleman, Cabarrus,

Edmund Jones, Wilkes,

John G. Marshall, Wake,

Jos. A. Hill, Wilmington,

Joseph Arrington, Grand Marshal.

William Wright, Grand Sword Bearer.

William Montgomery, Grand Pursuivant.

G. Lecturers.

On motion of Bro. Blair, ordered that the Grand Treasurer pay to the Grand Secretary the sum of twenty-five dollars, for his services the present Communication.

On motion, ordered that it be the duty of the Master of each subordinate Lodge to transmit to the next Annual Communication a certificate, setting forth the sums received in the respective subordinate Lodges for the several degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason.

The Grand Lodge was then closed until the next Annual Communication.

R. D. SPAIGHT, G. Master.

J. C. STEDMAN, G. Secretary.

List of Lodges, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. L. 5831.

St. John's,	No. 1,	Wilmington.	Albemarle,	No. 77,	Hertford.
Royal White Heart,	2,	Halifax.	Sharon,	78,	Greenville.
St. John,	3,	Newbern.	Charity,	78,	Windsor.
Phoenix,	8,	Fayetteville.	University,	90,	Chapel Hill,
Washington,	15,	Beaufort.	Zion,	81,	Trent Bridge.
American George,	17,	Murfreesboro'.	Mount Moriah,	82,	Statesville.
Phalanx,	31,	Charlotte.	Lafayette,	83,	Onslow C. H.
Stokes,	32,	Concord.	Fellowship,	84,	Smithfield.
Davie,	39,	Bertie.	Morning Star,	85,	Nashville.
Hiram,	40,	Raleigh.	Lafayette,	86,	Louisburg.
Liberty,	45,	Wilkesborough.	Line,	87,	Duplin old C. H.
Hall,	53,	Currituck.	Enfield,	88,	Enfield,
Unanimity,	54,	Edenton.	Eastern,	89,	Elizabeth City.
King Solomon,	56,	Northampton.	Shewarkee,	90,	Williamston.
Concord,	58,	Tarborough.	Western Star,	91,	Rutherfordton.
Perseverance,	59,	Plymouth.	Joseph Warren,	92,	Stantonburg.
Union,	62,	Waynesborough.	Mount Moriah,	93,	Edgecomb.
Kilwinning,	64,	Wadesborough.	Franklin,	94,	Hyde.
Williams,	66,	Currituck.	Jerusalem,	95,	Snow Hill.
Scotland Neck,	68,	Halifax.	St. John's,	96,	Kinston.
Taylor,	69,	Beaufort.	Wake Forest,	97,	Wake.
Eagle,	71,	Hillsborough.	Hiram,	98,	Clinton.
Golden Fleece,	74,	Milton.	Fulton,	99,	Salisbury.
Widow's Son,	75,	Camden.	Rising Sun,	100,	Morganton.
Greensborough,	76,	Guilford.	Warren,	101,	Kenansville.

A form, whereby the subordinate Lodges are required to make their annual Returns to the Grand Lodge.

RETURN of the Officers and Members of _____ Lodge, No. —, held at _____, by (Charter or Dispensation, as the case may be) from the M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina, together with a statement of the Admissions, Initiations, Passings, Raisings, Withdrawals, Deaths, Suspensions, Expulsions and Rejections, which have taken place in said Lodge, from _____, A. L. —, to _____, A. L. —.

Members' Names.		Rank.	Officers.					
								Master.
								S. Warden.
								J. Warden.
								Treasurer.
								Secretary.
								S. Deacon.
								J. Deacon.
								Steward.
								Tyler.
Admitted.	Initiated.	Passed.	Rais'd.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Rejected.

MASTER.

ATTEST.

SECRETARY.



